

electors of the State, and adopted by a majority of those voting thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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Which was read the first time.

Mr. Abbott, from the Committee on the Basis of Representation, submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the "Basis of Representation in the two Houses of the General Assembly, and a proper apportionment of representation in the same," beg leave respectfully to report the following sections, to be inserted in Article three of the Constitution, entitled, "Legislative Department:"

SECTION 1. Immediately after the adoption of this Constitution, and before there shall have been held any general election under it, the Mayor and City Council of the city of Baltimore shall proceed to lay off and divide the said city into three several districts, of equal population and contiguous territory, as near as may be.

Sec. 2. Every county in the State, and each district of the city of Baltimore, as hereinbefore provided for, shall be entitled to one Senator, who shall be elected by the qualified voters of the counties and city of Baltimore respectively, and who shall serve for ——— years from the date of their election.

Sec. 3. The white population of the State shall constitute the basis of representation in the House of Delegates, and the apportionment of the Delegates among the several counties and districts of the city of Baltimore shall be as follows: For every five thousand persons, or a fractional part thereof above one-half, one Delegate shall be chosen until the number of Delegates in each county and district of the city of Baltimore shall reach five. Above that number, one Delegate shall be chosen for every fifteen thousand persons, or a fractional portion over one-half thereof, until the whole number of Delegates from each county and district of the city of Baltimore shall reach ten. Above that number, each county and dis-